

Virginia Emergency Operations Center (VEOC)

Virginia Department of Emergency Management (VDEM)

Virginia Emergency Response Team (VERT)

TROPICAL STORM HANNA SITUATION REPORT # 3 1500 Hours 5 September 2008

New information in bold-italic font

SUMMARY

At 1400 hours the center of Tropical Storm Hanna was located 160 miles East-Northeast of Daytona Beach Florida and 310 South of Wilmington, North Carolina. Hanna is moving North 20 mph. This motion is expected to continue for the rest of the day and a gradual increase in forward speed is expected on Saturday. Maximum sustained winds are near 70 mph. It would only take a small increase in wind speed for Hanna to become a hurricane. Tropical Storm force winds extend outward up to 315 miles mainly to the North of the center. Coastal storm surge flooding of 1 to 3 feet above normal tide levels can be expected in areas of onshore winds within the tropical storm warning area. The exact track and possible location of landfall is still uncertain as Hanna approaches the Southeastern coast of the US.

EXECUTIVE ACTION

EOC Activation

The VEOC is at Response Operations with augmented staff and has set Hurricane Readiness Condition 1 (less than 24 hours before the onset of Tropical Storm Force Winds).

Protective Action

Governor Timothy M. Kaine declared a state of emergency today, directing state agencies to take all reasonable actions necessary to protect the health and safety of Virginians from the potentially damaging effects of Tropical Storm Hanna. The VEOC will augment selected Emergency Support Functions (ESF) effective 0700 Friday 5 September and begin 24 hour Virginia Emergency Response Team (VERT) operations.

September:

WEATHER

Forecast Friday, 5 September: Showers and thunderstorms in the afternoon; high temps from the low to mid 80's; winds 9 to 15 MPH; 90% chance of rain. Friday night: Rain and thunderstorms likely; rain heavy at times; winds 22 to 25 MPH with higher gusts low temps mid 70's; chance of precipitation 100%; Saturday, 6 September: Rain and thunderstorms before 2 pm; winds 25 to 35 mph with higher gusts; temps 75 to 85; chance of rain 100%. Saturday night: Mostly cloudy with a chance of showers; low's in the high 60's to low 70's; winds 8 to 11 mph.

The Virginia Emergency Operations Center is monitoring Hurricane Ike which is located 525 miles Northeast of the Leeward Islands moving West-Northwest near 16 MPH with maximum sustained winds near 140 MPH, and Tropical Storm Josephine, located 520 miles West of the Southernmost Cape Verde Islands moving toward the West-Northwest near 10 MPH with maximum sustained winds near 50 MPH.

OPERATIONS SECTION

ESF 1 – Transportation

Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT)

Maintaining situational awareness and assessing current resource availabilities. Coordinating with North Carolina on potential evacuation activities. Currently identifying additional staffing needs and will be augmenting their Transportation Emergency Operations Center (TEOC) at 1800 hours 5 September. VDOT will follow their

Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) regarding tunnel and bridge closures in the impacted areas. ***1330 September 3, 2008 the Captain of the Port has required the setting of Port Condition WHISKEY due to the approach of Tropical Storm Hanna. This Port Condition means that gale force winds are possible within 72 hours within the Port of Hampton Roads and the Port of Richmond. The Port of Hampton Roads and Port of Richmond remain open to all vessel traffic and commercial operations. However, all mariners are advised to maintain extra precautions as the port can expect gale force winds beginning in the early hours of September 6, 2008.***

ESF 5 – Emergency Management

Virginia Department of Emergency Management (VDEM)

The Virginia Emergency Operations Center (VEOC) is at Response Operations Hurricane Readiness Condition 1 with augmented staff monitoring National Hurricane Center Advisories on Tropical Storm Hanna, Hurricane Ike, and Tropical Storm Josephine and maintaining situational awareness. The VEOC is monitoring Department of Homeland Security and Federal Emergency Management Agency conference calls regarding Tropical Storm Hanna. An event has been created in WebEOC titled 2008-09 Hurricane Hanna. State agencies and localities should make entries and monitor for information related to Tropical Storm Hanna. The VEOC initiated weather conference calls with state agencies, all localities, Virginia Dominion Power, military units, and the National Weather Service Forecast Offices covering Virginia. FEMA Emergency Response Team (ERT-A) is deployed to the VEOC to coordinate Federal response efforts.

PLANNING SECTION

ESF 5 – Situation Unit:

Preparing Situation Reports, monitoring WebEOC entries, maintaining situational awareness, preparing daily shift-change briefings, facilitating daily operational planning meeting, preparing and distributing daily operation plans. Prepared draft of an Executive Order for a Declaration of a State of Emergency.

LOGISTICS SECTION

ESF 7 – Resource Support

Virginia Department of Emergency Management (VDEM)

Identifying locations for possible pre-positioning of resources, staging areas, and Point of Distribution (POD) locations. The State Emergency Services Contract will be available to localities effective 4 September 2008. Providing deployment location for FEMA Mobile Emergency Response System (MERS) equipment. Establishing staging areas at the Chesterfield County Airport, and Fort A.P. Hill for Federal resources to support response to Tropical Storm Hanna. Private resources are also being coordinated to support response activities.

ESF 8 – Public Health and Medical Services

VA Department of Health

VDH is maintaining situational awareness, conducting communications checks, and preparing to staff ESF-8 at VEOC and to stand-up VDH ECC if required.

ESF 13 Public Safety

All uniformed State Police personnel were placed on unrestricted standby last night and planning is underway should it be necessary to send a contingent of troopers to assist with recovery efforts. The State Police Swift Water Rescue Teams have been mobilized and a decision will be made this afternoon regarding staging these personnel and resources to allow for a rapid response to the impacted areas. A State Police mobile command post is in Richmond and another in Appomattox and both are ready to respond if necessary to provide coordination for State Police recovery efforts.

ESF-13 will be staffed on a 24 hour basis beginning at 1600 hours today for the duration of the emergency.

ESF 15 – External AffairsVirginia Department of Emergency Management (VDEM)

VDEM Public Affairs staff continuing to maintain situational awareness and to field media inquiries reference Virginia's response to the impending impact of Tropical Storm Hanna. Staff is also coordinating press releases with the Governor's Office and other State Agencies. Coordinating information dissemination with North Carolina Public Affairs Office, Dominion Virginia Power, and FEMA Public Affairs Offices.

Contacted media to correct rumor that VA and NC Governors had advised resident to move inland. As of 1300 received and handled a dozen requests for interviews including five live interviews. Continuing to respond to medial requests. Total of about 30 on Hanna to date. Coordinating release of public information with several state agencies.

ESF 16 – Military AffairsVirginia Army National Guard (VANG)

Monitoring situational awareness, obtaining equipment status and anticipating staffing requirements. VANG has been authorized to activate Virginia Guardsmen for response activities related to Hanna if requested. No activations have been initiated to date.

Next Situation Report will be issued 6 September around 1500 hours.

LOCAL ACTIVITIES

Central Virginia jurisdictions, including Chesterfield, Hanover, Powhatan, Petersburg, Dinwiddie, Henrico, Colonial Heights, Hopewell, and New Kent Counties and VDEM Region I Coordinator held a conference call to discuss response plans for the pending impact of Hanna. Chesterfield County and the City of Chesapeake will open their EOC's with limited staffing at 1800 hours 5 September; Henrico, Richmond, Hanover, and New Kent will open their EOC's with limited staffing at 0600 hours 6 September. Isle of Wight County plans to partially activate their EOC Friday, with full activation Saturday. James City County plans to activate their EOC Friday.

LOCAL EOC ACTIVATIONS AND DECLARATIONS

Locality	Activated EOC/ Time	Local Declaration - Time
Northumberland County	0700 hours	1300 hours
Chesapeake City	0800 hours	
Gloucester County	0800 hours	0600 hours
James City County	0800 hours	1000 hours
Matthews County	0800 hours	
Virginia Beach City	0800 hours	
Hampton City	0900 hours	1200 hours
Westmoreland County	0900 hours	1300 hours
Lancaster County	1200 hours	1300 hours
Norfolk City	1200 hours	
Chesterfield County		1200 hours
Isle of Wight County		1200 hours
Southampton County		1200 hours
Franklin City		1200 hours
York County	1200 hours	1200 hours

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